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Mr. R. Jay Marshall  
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.  
P.O. Box 910  
East Carbon, Utah 84520

Re: Portal Closures at Princess Mine, MSHA I.D.  
42-02356, located in the Crandall LMU

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 24, 2013, concerning UtahAmerican Energy Incorporated (UEI) plans on building portal closures at the request of the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

As discussed on July 22, 2013, during a telephone conversation between you, Steve Rigby and me it was determined the type of seals UEI is proposing does not constitute a permanent closure of the mine. Therefore, the federal leases UTU-88990 and UTU-78953 will remain valid leases as long as advanced royalty in lieu of production is paid annually. A review of the records indicates that UEI owes advanced royalties as of this date. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will send to UEI in a separate letter, the tonnage basis for the advanced royalty owed.

The BLM requests that an as built of the temporary blocking be submitted within 30 days of the work being completed.

Please be advised that before the BLM will consider any closure procedure as a permanent sealing of the mine the following must be accomplished:

1. All equipment must be removed from the federal leases or prior approval from the authorized officer must be obtained to leave any equipment on the federal leases.
2. CERCLA inspection conducted and documentation completed.
3. Seals, built to the "Mitchell Barrett" standard, are placed in the portals inby far enough to allow proper placement of closing backfill upon final reclamation.

The BLM is currently conducting annual underground inspections of the mine to ensure "protection of the resource." If the portals are "sealed" (block walls), then the BLM's requirement of inspecting the underground workings of the mine annually will be suspended until the mine is reopened. The BLM must be notified 60 days in advance of any proposed change in this approved status.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff McKenzie of this office at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger L. Bankert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" and last name "Bankert" clearly distinguishable.

Roger L. Bankert  
Chief, Branch of Minerals

cc: Green River District (UTG00)  
Price Field Office (UTG02)